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Hon. A. J. Russell, of Meridian, was in the city Friday.

Have you anything tobuy? If so go to the Surprise Store's "Unloading Sale."

Miss Nellie Bailey las been visiting friends in Ma on for several days.

Floradora is our new 5d sherbet. Don't fail to call for it. Mayo and Weaver.

Mr. H. F. Simrall left riday for Alexandria, La., whe e he will make an address today.

For two weeks all roads led to the "Unloading Sale" at the urprise Store.

All optical work done by W. A. Charping guarantee by Chapman, the druggist.

Don't fail to drop in at Cl man's and get a glass of S bet-Delicious and refreshin

Mr. W. H. Askew, of Hat's burg, has been spending the p few days with relatives in city.

The Singer leads the World Have one sent to your home of R. B. LESLIE, Mgr. 5-29 tf.

Dr A. A. Wofford returns Wednesday from a professional visit of several weeks to Pickets County, Ala.

Floradora is our new ice. Only 5c. Be sure to call for it. May and Weaver.

Have your eyes fitted with glasses by Dr. W. A. Sharping who will be at Chapman's drug store on June 16th.

Singer oil is the best. It doe! not gum and costs no more than an inferior article. R. B. LESLIE, Mgr. 5-29 tf.

THE COMMERCIAL is glad to note that Col. T. J. O'Neill, who has been confined to his bed by illness for several days past, is able to be out again.

Singer Machines sold on easy payment plan. Old machines taken in exchange. R. B. LESLIE, Mgr.

5-29 tf.

Mr. Frank V. Evans, the genial editor of the Meridian Press, spent Thursday in the city attending the hearing of the Aberdeen group before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Chapman, the druggist, will make through the summer season two flavors of sherbet each da . The best in town.

Hen. Jno. G. Millsaps, one of the attorneys for the Aberdeen group, returned to his home in West Point Saturday morning.

in connection with my 20th Century Soda Fountain I will run my sherbets. Try my up to date drinks E. C. CHAPMAN.

Mr. T. T. Richards arrived from New York Thursday evening to attend the bedside of his father, Capt. Dan Richards, whose friends are glad to know that he is much better.

Hon. Jas. W. Norment, of Starkville spent Thursday in the city. Mr. Norment is one of the attorneys of the Aberdeen group and came over to attend the

SALE.

The greatest price reductions of the season to insure liberal trading. Every dollar you spend now is well invested.

UNLOADING

UNLOADING SALE.

Shall be characterized as the greatest selling event of the season. Our prices shall be to the people like loadstone to

Starting June 2nd and continuing until Saturday night, June 14th, we shall offer you everything we have for sale at prices that shall cause a furor in the dry goods and clothing field and center the eyes of all contemplating purchasers in our direction.

PRICE AND COST NO OBJECT. UNLOAD WE MUST.

This sale shall go out as a money saving event for you and as an unloading sale for us. Come tomorrow, or as soon as possible. There is going to be "something doing" here.

READ THE GOOD NEWS, THE MONEY SAVING

\$1.50 and \$2.50 tan exfords and sandals,

choice, 97c. Ladies' one strap Dongola sandals,

now 89c.

Ladies' \$2.00 stylish 3 and 4 strap satent leather sandals now \$1.24 price.

\$2.00 and \$3.00 patent leather sandals,

French heels, price now \$1.69. Tis' a shame to sell beautiful shoes at such

prices, but unload we must, our misfort-

Every pair of men's, boys, ladies' and girls' shoes and slippers are now being

We own and control in Columbus the

"Battle Axe" shoes. They have few

sold at cost and less than cost ..

une is your good luck.

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To eclipse any sale from a point of price giving ever inaugurated in the city of Columbus.

There is no house in the city that can equal both these prices and qualities. We are not cutting the qualities, it's the prices. There will be thousands of

people here to witness the selling.

27 Inch fine zephyr ginghams, 7½c.

30 Inch silk spot zephyrs, the 30c quality, now 14c.

28 Inch dress linens, 12½c yard. 27 Inch mercerized chambrays, all These prices should fill our store sorn to "Dewey" eve.

early organdies, any color, regu-32 Inch now 17½ yard. lar 35c goods licoes, 4c yard. 200 pieces of ce openwork white 12½c and 15c price 7½ yard. lawns, unloading sa. Dress linings, 4c.

Dress linings, 4c. yard. 50 pieces white lawn, 4 awn, 8c. 25 pieces very sheer while domes-50 pieces yard wide bleat 100 pieces yard wide Sea Is

mestic, 414c.
Yard wide Sea Island percales as, 50 pieces fancy lawns and bat our regular 1216c and 15c goods characteristics. Taffeta silk regular 60c quality, no

Ladies' Wear

Ready made wrappers at cost,

Fancy Skirts at cost.

Underskirts at cost.

Sailor hats at cost.

Bonnets at cost.

Trimmed hats at cost.

Ladies' hosiery at cost.

pliques, laggoons at cost.

Muslin skirts at cost.

Muslin gowns at cost.

Muslin drawers at cost.

Muslin corset covers at cost.

R. & G. \$1.00 corsets, now 74c.

Entire line of embroideries, laces, ap-

Linen Bargains.

8 Quarter Pepperell sheeting, 16c. 10 Quarter Pepperell sheeting, 19c. 72 Inch Pure linen white table cloth,

54 Inch white table cloth, 20c. 60 Inch oil red table linen, 60c qual-

Ready to put on, table linen cover,

Shoe Sale.

Strike while the iron is hot. Con-

strike while the iron is not. Construe this phrase and buy now, for we have our bargain temper up.

1 Lot of men's congress shoes, all sizes, odds and ends, from our \$1.50 and \$2.00 line choice, 98c.

Men's \$3.00 and \$4.00 fine patent

All of our men's "Battle Axe" \$3.00

and \$4.00 fine shoes, now \$2.49.
"Battle Axe" \$1.60 and \$2.00 shoe, any toe desired, now \$1.37.
Men's \$2.00 and \$3.00 tan shoes,

choice, \$1.49.
Misses' patent leather oxfords were \$1.75, now \$1.24.

A few misses' tan oxfords and san-

dals, choice, 49c.

Misses' exquisite quality button oxfords and sandals, regular \$1,50 goods,

sale price, 97c.
Misses' 2 strap red sandals reduced to

Odds and ends of cur stock of ladies'

leather oxfords, \$2.47.

Swell girdle corsets at 44c.

Fans at cost.

at Cost.

Do You Wear the Pants? For just two weeks from June 1st we

are going to sell tailor made clothing that is made of the finest material to be had at prices that will astonish the natives. Remember all of our goods are marked in plain figures and you can see our original price and our price now. We mean business and you can depend upon every statement made by \$9.90 tailor made suits for two weeks

They come in dozen patterns and are \$8,49 suits now \$4.98. po.00 Suits now \$4.49.

\$4.98 suits now 33.74.

\$3.98 suits now \$2.89. Boys short pants saits were \$1.24 and Boys short pants 10c 15c and 20c. Youths suits, long pants, were \$4.48,

You he suits, long pants were \$2.98, We made a mistake and bought too many fine pants. Our mistake will

prove your profit. \$3.98 pants reduced to \$2.98. \$2.98 pants reduced to \$2.24. \$2.50 pants reduced to \$1.69. \$1.50 pants reduced to \$1.15. \$1.00 pants reduced to 79c. 75c and 50c pants reduced to 39c. Mens outfitting at cost. Straw hats at cost. Swell felt hats at cost. Unbrellas at cost. Caps at cost.

New shirts at cost. Boys shirts at cost. Suspenders at cost. Men's underwear at cost. Men's neckwear at cost, Men's collars and cuffs at cost. Men's elastic seamed drawers 39c.

Men's undershirts at 15c. Men's working shirts 20c. Boy's working shirts 19c. Men's soft negligee shirts at cost, 39c.

ity, 43c. 50 Inch oil red table linen, 25c quality, 14c. Curtains and counterpane bargains. 5 Dozen heavy honeycomb bed Up Stairs spreads, 79c. Good size lace curtains, per pair, 47c. White and cream scrims, 434c. Yard square chenille table cover, 39c. Bargains.

6 foot linen andow shades, 19c. Large oak easles, 39c. White and gold easles, 69e 16x20 white and gold framed pictures, The designs are fruit, game and land-

30 inchx66 inch American Smyrna 27 x 64 inch velvet Moquette rugs. \$1.87.

36x72 inch velvet Moquette ruga, 36x72 inch genuine Smyrna rugs, 28x70 inch reversible Jute rugs,

48 inchx90 inch large, very heavy real Smyrna rugs, \$4.98. Floor oil cloth 34c square yard. 30 inch leather strapped, steel tipped

canvas trunks now \$2.98. Brass adjustable curtain rods, Oc. Ladies' large steel trimmed, metal covered 36 irch trunk, unloading sale

30 inch well made zinc trunks \$1.49. Patent lo : dress suit cases \$1.10. Small telescopes, 2 straps, 19c. 18 inch telescopes, 3 straps, 34c.

Household Values.

Round tin waiters, 5c. Oval black enamel waiters, 9c. Tin wash pans, 4c. 7 hook hat racks, 9c. 2 burner oll stoves, 74c. Fly traps, 14c. 6-hole muffin pans 8c. Iron stove pans, 8c. Water coolers, 98c. Biscuit rollers, 8c. Pie plates, 2c. Wood pine sifters, 8c. Galvanized water buckets 15c. Iron enamel lined preserving kettles,

Black handled dippers, 3c.

2 hoop cedar buckets, 14c.

8 quart flaring pails, 20c.

Galvanized iron foot tubs, 35c.

Galva nized iron 5 gallon oil cans, 49c. Glass, tin covered 1 gallon oil cans, 19c.
Grass lamps all complete, 20c.
6 nice glasses, 20c.
6 cups and 6 saucers, 20c. beautiful ice cream saucers. 12 jelly glasses, 29c. day large oak mantel cloak, \$1.98. Nickle alarm clocks, 74c. Large chambers, 20c. Water sets at cost. Chamber sets at cost. Banjos at cost. Guitars at cost. Jewelry at cost. Hardware at cost.

Sales at 9 Uts.

12 different sizes in best quality pearl buttons, one dozen as 9c. No 12 soft taffeta ribbon, in black, white and colors, 9c.
Ducks in solid colors, stripes and fig-25c fancy breastpins and novelty pins

Fancy side combs at 9c. 12 1/2 linen crash, extra good quality,

34 inches long, linen huck towels at 9c 15c lace handkerchief at 9c. 15c men's hose supporters at 9c. 12 1/2c and 15c India linen at 9c. 8 oz. heavy duck at 9c. 15c bottle perfume at 9c. Ladies and men's first-class hose at 9c. 12 %c solid color lawns at 9c. 15c ladies vests at 9c. Best silk garter web at 9c. 15c fans at 9c.

Whitemore's Baby Elite and French gloss polish at 9c. 12 ½c madras ginghams at 9c. 15c men's Coon Brand Collars at 9c. 25c men's suspenders at 9c. 25c wash knee pants at 9c. 15c men's white hemstitched handker-

chiefs, 9c. New designs in cuff holders at 9c. Men's half hose in black and colors at

Lace caps for babies at 9c.

Sales at 4 Cents.

Apron ginghams at 4c. Oil calicoes at 4c. Cotton checks at 4c. Fans at 4c. 150 yards laces from 1 to 4 inches at

Hamburg edging at 4c. Best brass pins at 4c. Large size tablets at 4c. Bottle shoe dressing at 4c. Box of assorted hair pins 4b. Ladies vests 4c Two packs of envelopes 4c. Handkerchiefs, for men, 4c. Boys Suspenders 4c.
Paper of Gold-eye needles 4c.
Silk Arm Bands 4c. Coats 200 yd spool cotton 4c. Men's white and colored bows 4c. Man's standing collars, 4c. Plated collar button worth 10 at 4c. Bottle Perfume, 4c. Ladies' fine handkerchiefs, 4c. Bath towels, 4c. Cheese cloth, in all colors, 4c. Collar springs, 4c. Toilet Soap, 4c. Long bar laundry Soap 4c. 4 box matches, 4c. Box note paper and envelopes, 4c. 8 balls thread, 4c.

4 paper needles, 4c.

With the coming of summer another mile post will have been passed in the triumphent march of this progressive establishment.

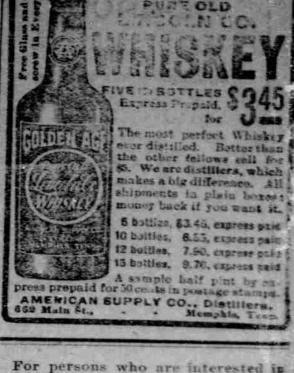
It has been one unbroken chain of successful achievements. We are out for the patronage of this entire growing country, and for two weeks we will place on sale the grandest aggregation of values ever assembled, the most powerful bargain inducements ever offered the trading public. During this sale no samples will be cut and no goods will be sent out on approval.

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For persons who are interested in books, John Cotton Dana has compiled the Arkay Stave Co., and

Newspaper Press. published in the

World's Work. The figures show to just what an astonishing extent the printing presses are busy. Mr. Dans says that every year 4,500 new books are published in the United States and and sold is about 10,000,000. Despite 1893 has been resid this fact, however, the intellectual root of the masses is not derived from books but from newspapers and per! odicals. It is estimated that more than 4,000,000,000 copies of periodicals of all kinds are printed in this country every year. According to Mr. Duna, 4,000,000 adults consume this supply of periodicals. Thus the average for each ments concerning periodicals Mf. Dana | zealous Pythian and we expect estimates that they are distributed as to see good results from his effollows: Dailies, 2,865,466,000; weeklies, 1,208,190,000; monthlies, 265,452, 000; total, 4,337,108,000 copies. It is truly said that this is a newspaper age In view of the tremendous demand for periodicals of all sorts it is clear how tremendous must be their influence upon the public mind. The periodicals are made for all classes; they supply something for every demand. They are comprehensive in their scope in order that they may appeal to all street car in New Orleans, died time in the history of publishing lave noon at his home in that city. the magazines and newspapers even Dr. Palmer was a great and good foreshadowed their present high artistic and literary achievement. One man and his name was a houseephemeral reading matter. The news- one of, if not the oldest minister papers and the magazines speak to rich and poor, to high and low alike They solidify opinion and develop pub- 84th year. lic sentiment. When nearly 40,000,000 persons, or more than one-half of the entire population, are reading the news which is current history and fiction

and which procographs all p. life, it proves that the public inte. gence has attained to a high standard

which promises much for the future. It is not given to many literary men to hold a happier place in the reading Occupied a public's affections

Unique Position. by Frank R. Stockton, whose death occurred recently in Washington. Among contemporary writers Mr. Stockton's place was unique. Hardly any of his work is to be identified with "serious" fiction. His humor, while genuine and delightful. was fantastic and eccentric. Neither as humorist nor as novelist will he be there comes calm nerves, accounted among the authors whose | sleep and recuperation. important function it is to observe life and comment upon it. But in his own way and following a peculiar bert of his own, says the Chicago Daily News. he produced a number of tales and novels which betray the genuine ereative talent. Both in his characters and ideal babies into the world and in the scenes and situations wherein he placed them he presented something absolutely novel. Such works as "The Lady of the Tiger" and "The Casting Away of Mrs. Leeks and Mrs. Aleshine" were products of a rare and sprightly fancy. He will be regretted as among the best of the minor American writers of fiction.

Charleston, S. C., which has an exposition just now, is beginning to realize that in some respects it can never be the same old Charleston again. The old Charleston was exclusive to the last degree. It had its inner society circle, which clung to the old names and the old prejudices, and one of the old prejudices was that no word of the tauge of Charleston society should first its way into the newspapers. To the coming of the exposition the newshas it been discovered that some of one of the newspapers has established a society column.

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E. C. Chapman, the drugge has secured the services of Dr W. A. Charping, praciteal optician, who will be at his drug store for two weeks, begining Monday June 16th.

Mr. J. W. Pigg who repre some valuable star has been residing at Reform tistics which art Loved his family to Colu. and will make this his h quarters in future.

Mr. Sam Wolf, who for twe eight years was an honored o zen of Columbus, but who si ohis, is in the city on a visit to his old friends, who he numbers

by his acquaintances. Grand Chancellor Louis J. Ader, of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, has appointed Dr. H. M. Lanier as district deputy for reader is 100. In analyzing his state- this district. Dr. Lanier is a forts before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

DR. B. M. PALMER DEAD.

Dr. B. M. Palmer, the venable Presbyterian devine who was knocked down and seriously injured about two weeks ago by a sorts and conditions of men. At no at one oclock Wednesday afterof the signs of our democracy is to be | hold word in many homes found in this general demand for throughout the south. He was in active service, being in his



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FRANKLIN ACADEMY.

The closing exercises of Frankin academy will take place on next Tuesday and Wednesday, the exercises on Tuesday, which will consist of songs, recitations, papers yielded to this prejudice, but dialogues, etc., by the pupils of now things are different. The only the academy will take place in the the climbers of Charleston have chapel in the forenoon, while taken advantage of the exposition Wednesday's entertainment, excitement to scale the social wall, which is to be in the shape of an but, according to the New York Post, operata entitled "The Pixie's Triumph," which will take place at the opera house. A synopsis second second second second of the operata has already appeared in the Commercial, and the prices will be as follows: boxes, 50 cents; parquet, 35 cents; dress circle, 25 cents; gallery, 15 cents. Curtain rises at 8:30 p. m.

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